

**HONORING STAFF SERGEANT THEODORE ``SAM" HOLDER II -- (Extensions of Remarks -
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**SPEECH OF □
HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO
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- Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret and heartfelt admiration that I rise

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today honor a fallen Marine from my district, Staff Sergeant Theodore ``Sam" Holder II of Littleton. Sadly, Staff Sergeant Holder was killed in the line of duty during combat operations on Veterans Day in the AI Anbar Province of Iraq.

- Staff Sergeant Holder was an Infantry Unit Leader with Company A, 1st Light Armored Recon, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force based in Camp Pendleton, California.
- His unit was fighting terrorists in Fallujah. He was just 27 years old.
- ``Sam" was a graduate of Green Mountain High School in Lakewood, and served his country for 8 years with distinction including tours protecting American diplomats and interests abroad at our Embassies. He also guarded Secretary of State Colin Powell at one time, and met both President George W. Bush and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. His friends described him as ``a special person," and ``the ultimate Marine."
- He was an accomplished soldier whose awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, the Marine Security Guard Ribbon and the National Service Defense Medal.
- Mr. Speaker, my deepest sympathies go out to the family of Staff Sergeant Holder. He served his country honorably and with distinction in the War on Terror, making the ultimate sacrifice fighting for freedom and democracy in defense of a grateful Nation. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.
- Americans owe him a great debt of gratitude. His dedication and bravery will not be forgotten.

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